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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom, and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned.

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